

WALLACE'S CULT OF KUFR

In its book, *Kitaabul Imaan*, the Mujlisul Ulama of South Africa has enumerated the names of The Bilaalians / Black Muslims / American Muslim Mission among the deviate sects and false religions. Members of these groups in the United States of America have written complaining at this inclusion of their group among the sects of baatil. Among their allegations are that the Mujlisul Ulama has grievously erred in branding them as non-Muslims; that the Mujlisul Ulama makes its claim on the basis of insufficient research; that the present leader of the Black Muslims, viz., W. D. Muhammad has changed the old system of beliefs and is propagating now true Islam. Some have also written that while they can understand Qadianism to be false, they cannot comprehend why the Mujlisul Ulama has branded the Black Muslims of the United States to be the followers of a false religion. The answer which we shall give here should, Insha'Allah, dispel the doubt and confusion in this matter.

At the outset it should be made quite clear that the conclusion of the Mujlisul Ulama in regard to the Shar'i status of the group Black Muslims / Bilalians / American Muslim Mission headed by Wallace Elijah (also known as W. D. Muhammad), is not based on insufficient information or any incomplete research into the matter. The three names mentioned here represent the same cult or false religion invented by Elijah Muhammad, the disciple of one W. D. Fard who had claimed to be Allah in the flesh – Nauthu Billaah! For a correct appraisal of the movement headed by W. D. Muhammad (Elijah's son) it is necessary to understand the teachings and preachings of Elijah, for the followers of this cult move in the shadow of the so-called "Honourable Elijah Muhammad". Like Qadianism and the sects springing from Qadianism cannot be divorced from Mirza Gulam Ahmad the founder of Qadianism, so too, the sects arising from the Black Muslim cult cannot be separated from Elijah Muhammad. Any former member of this cult of kufr can

only separate himself from this religion of falsehood by repudiating Elijah Muhammad and by testifying to the beliefs of Islam. Anything short thereof is unacceptable to Imaan. It is not possible to offer allegiance, reverence and respect to a false prophet and an impostor and then to assert one's claim to Islam. Those who accept a false claimant of prophethood to be a religious guide and a man of honour are not Muslims even if they do not believe in his prophethood. Thus, even the Lahori group of Qadianism is kaafir despite their claim that Mirza was a mujaddid and not a prophet. Similarly, all those who accept Elijah to have been a religious guide and a mujaddid are kaafirs even though they do not subscribe to the belief of his prophethood. Let us now begin with Elijah the originator of the Black Muslim cult in the U.S.A.

In his book, MESSAGE TO THE BLACKMAN IN AMERICA, Elijah declares:

“Allah came to us from the Holy City Mecca, Arabia, in 1930. He used the name Wallace D. Fard, often signing it W. D. Muhammad, in the third year (1933). He signed his name W. F. Muhammad which stands for Wallace Fard Muhammad.

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I asked him, “Who are you, and what is your real name?” He said, “I am the one that the world has been expecting for the past 2000 years.” I said to Him again, “What is your name?” He said, “My name is Mahdi; I am God, I came to guide you into the right path that you may be successful and see the hereafter.” (Page 17)

. . . . It shall be binding upon them to serve and obey One God: Fard Muhammad the Great Mahdi, or Allah in Person.”

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“. . . . Allah's using Fard as His name here on. His coming teaches us that if we expect to be successful, we must bow in

submission to the will of Master Fard Muhammad; the All Wise God in Person who is worthy to be praised and praised much. (Pages 145-147)

Many of the Orthodox Muslims do not want to believe that Allah has appeared in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad or that He has made manifest the truth that has been hidden from their religious scientists – the truth of God and of the devil as revealed to me. Though they do have the Holy Quran, many of them do not understand the meaning of it, and some of them believe everything that is prophesied in the Bible and Holy Quran about the last Messenger or Prophet being or referring to Muhammad of 1,400 years ago. (Page 187)

If Allah would warn America and the poor slaves who have been blinded and made deaf and dumb by their masters, should not that messenger be one of the so-called Negroes instead of a so-called Negro trying to learn from what Muhammad said to the Arabs nearly 1,400 years ago. (page 251)

My mission, as the Messenger, is to bring the truth to the world before the world is destroyed. There will be no other Messenger. I am the last and after me will come God Himself. (page 306)

I am taking orders from Allah (God) Himself.” (page 329)

There is no need for comment on these statements and propagations of stark kufr of Elijah. Every Muslim will understand that Elijah was one of the little Dajjaals which according to Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) will appear from time to time prior to the advent of the great Dajjaal who will make his appearance during the time of Imaam Mahdi and Isaa (alayhis salaam) who will descend from Heaven to slay Dajjaal.

Let us now see the relationship between Elijah Muhammad and the movement which he spawned, viz., the Black Muslims who later changed their name to the Bilaalians and then again to the American Muslim Mission.

The present leader of this group is Wallace Deen Muhammad who had inherited the leadership from his father, Elijah. He has all along been designated, **the Chief Minister**. He thus inherited a kufr movement which propagated some of the vilest beliefs of kufr and shirk. In his writings and his speeches, this chief minister and successor of Elijah perpetually speaks in glowing terms of the dajjaal, Elijah. Writing in the official mouthpiece of the Black Muslims, “Muhammad Speaks”, W. D. Muhammad says:

“We were called “smelly Blacks”, even though we were not responsible for our smell. Those who were responsible for us being “smelly Blacks” were those who denied us soap and water.

Realizing this, the Honorable Master Elijah Muhammad advised His people to learn the prayer service of Islam because the prayer service of Islam is best suited to the needs of the Bilalian (American Clack) Communities.” (Muhammad Speaks, page 19, 31 October 1975)

“Muhammad Speaks”, the name of the Black Muslim paper was later changed to “Bilalian News”. Even in the Bilalian News, W. D. Muhammad always refers to Elijah with the title, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. The name, Bilalian News was later changed to “A. M. Journal”. Even in the new-styled mouth-piece of the movement, its leader, Wallace acknowledges the leadership and the spiritual guidance of the false prophet Elijah. Commenting in the A. M. Journal on a Black Muslim’s refusal to fight against the Muslims of Lebanon and encouraging Muslim participation in the United States armed forces, Wallace said:

“Since the passing of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the new leadership, with the help of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad’s spiritual and moral guidance, has established a new position regarding

Muslims' view of the United States and its legitimacy as a nation established to serve the needs of the civilized society."

It should be abundantly clear from the statements of Wallace himself, that his movement operates in the shadow of Elijah's "spiritual and moral guidance". People who acknowledge a dajjaal of Elijah's calibre to be "Honourable", to be a "Master", a spiritual and a moral guide, cannot be followers of the Islam which was delivered to the world by Muhammad (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) some 1,400 years ago. In fact, Wallace's so-called "Honorable and Master Elijah" has emphatically negated the validity of the Islam of Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam). (See his statements which appear at the beginning of this article). Elijah claimed that he was the last Messenger appointed by Allah Himself who appeared in human form, named Wallace Fard (Nauthubillaah!). He denied the Islamic concept of Tauheed and Risaalat, yet Wallace says that he is their Master, their spiritual and moral guide – that he is the Honourable Master Elijah Muhammad! Up to this day, Wallace has not dissociated himself from Elijah nor has he repudiated the beliefs of kufr which his father had propagated. At best, Wallace has resorted to dubious tactics of baseless interpretation to save the face of his father, Elijah. To this day, the dajjaal Elijah is the "Honourable Elijah Muhammad" to Wallace. The latest publication of this movement, PROGRESSIONS in its issue dated June/July 1987 contains the articles and speeches of Wallace Deen Muhammad. Whenever Wallace refers to Elijah he invariably is constrained to say: "The Honourable Elijah Muhammad". Even after having mentioned the vile beliefs of kufr of Elijah, Wallace presents some interpretation to uphold the "honour" of Elijah. Never does he repudiate the kufr of Elijah nor does he dissociate himself or his followers from Elijah and his kufr. Endeavouring to put forward a vindication of the mission of Elijah, Wallace the successor comments:

"The Honourable Elijah Muhammad was doing two things: one, he was dealing with the problem of loneliness and rejection in this

country for poor, uneducated blacks. He was also trying to introduce a religion that would be acceptable. What he did was offer his people the same Holy book that is read all over the world, but he had his own version of the religion. Instead of Prophet Muhammad, known by Muslims throughout the world as being the prophet and the messenger of God, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad made himself the prophet. Furthermore, the god whom he preached was similar to the Christian idea of God. He taught that god had manifested in the flesh of a man by the name of W. D. Fard, and that man (Fard) had missioned him (Honorable Elijah Muhammad) to preach separation to the blackman, and that salvation for him was in Islam.”

“The Honorable Elijah Muhammad was wise enough to know that as things changed toward giving the blackman a place in America, his teachings would not be of anymore use. He also said, “Sometime after me, someone will come and teach you your religion.” (Progressions, Vol.1 No.9 June/July 1987)

Who is this “someone” who will supposedly come after Elijah to teach them their religion? Wallace may interpret this “someone” to refer to himself, the successor of Elijah. But, Elijah has stated unambiguously who this “someone” will be. In his book, “Message to the Blackman in America”, Elijah declares on page 306:

“There will be no other messenger. I am the last and after me will come God Himself.”

In spite of the clear and stark kufr propounded by Elijah, W. D. Muhammad seeks spiritual and moral guidance in the teachings of his father.

The Bilalian News of 5th March 1976, in an article captioned, PIONEERS DAY, reports the following declaration of faith made by a follower of Elijah and Wallace:

“Brother Karim Allah then expressed his feelings when the Messenger (i.e. Elijah) passed, but he vowed relentless support to W. D. Muhammad, the Messenger’s son. . .

‘I miss his beloved father. That is nature. I love his son just as I loved him. I will follow him and obey him. I stand before you to bear witness that W. D. Muhammad is the rightful heir to his father’s mission.’

He spoke of the New Day. . .

‘We are in the dawn of a new day. W. D. Muhammad is the Lord of the Dawn. The old must give way to the new, and I seek refuge with the Lord of the Dawn. He is the divine authority. I am with him until death be the determinator.’

Did Wallace Deen Muhammad ever repudiate this form of kufr allegiance which his followers offered him? In this statement Wallace is referred to as “Rabbul Falaq”. But Islam teaches that only Allah Azza Wa Jal is Rabbul Falaq (The Lord of the Dawn). Wallace has been the upholder and the carrier of such kufr for the past two decades. To be saved from this kufr, he must repudiate Elijah, make taubah and pronounce the Shahaadat of Islam.

Another follower of Wallace, Willie Muhammad, declared allegiance to the religion of Elijah in the following way:

“I bear witness that there is no God but Allah, and the Honorable Master Elijah Muhammad – before our Divine leader today – was the Messenger that was raised up to lead us to a certain degree of knowledge. . .” (Bilalian News, 5th March 1976)

Abdul Alim Shabaz, a follower of Wallace, wrote in the Bilalian News: “This knowledge and the ever unfolding events themselves prove that Chief Minister Muhammad (i.e. Wallace) is the answer to the prophesy of the return of Christ (the Crusher of evil), or the long-awaited Messiah of the Christians and Jews, and the Mahdi of the Muslims – the One who is to renew and revive religion and bring about a universal Government of Peace.”

This type of kufr confirms that the Black Muslim cult is no better than the Qadiani religion, in fact, worse than the Qadianis religion which does not proclaim Mirza to be god. Until these beliefs of kufr entertained by the followers of Elijah and Wallace are not openly renounced and denounced, it is not possible to accept this group as being followers of true Islam.

One of the Musjids of this group is known as “Masjid Elijah Muhammad No. 2” in Chicago. It has so been named in honour of the “Honorable Elijah Muhammad”. On July 3 1977, Wallace, holding aloft the flag of America inside the Masjid Elijah Muhammad declared:

“Let me tell you something. You might not like it, you might not like to hear it from me, you might say it sounds Uncle Tomish but **America is the greatest land** on the face of the Earth.”
(Bilalian News July 22 1977)

Speaking glowingly of Elijah Muhammad and of his own ability and supposed qualifications in Islamic Knowledge, Wallace stated in his speech in Masjid Elijah Muhammad on 3rd July 1977:

“A descendant from the slaves (a reference to Elijah) without formal education from the institutions built the Nation of Islam and kept it for forty – some years.

And a son (a reference to himself, i.e. Wallace) of that same man who got most of his education from that man and from that man’s school here in Chicago has come up under him and won respect from the whole world and is in a position to give direction to the whole world.

The Emams in Azhar don’t send letters to me saying, “Emam, why don’t you come here so that we can give you the course in such and such so that you will be qualified?” They don’t send me any messages like that. If anything, they want me to come there and lecture.

I don’t get any letters from Pakistan or Egypt or Saudi Arabia saying, “Emam, why don’t you come and have us help you with your religion so that you will do a good job?”

They know that I haven't been to any of their colleges. They know I haven't been to any of their schools. They know I've only been here in America. But they hear what I say and they recognize the high wisdom. You know what they asked me once? They said "What school did you go to?"

So I said I got my teaching in Chicago under the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and from teachers who came to the community, Professor Jameel Diab, Professor Fard and Professor Muhammad Abdullah. They said, "Who are these people?" None of them have names in the learned world. None of these people are established in the learned world of Al-Islam. So they wondered. I said I got it from studying the Quran and the Bible and studying the teachings of Master Fard and studying Oriental and Western mythology. . ."

The stark ignorance and conceit of Wallace are manifest from such unintelligent ramblings which he made. Wallace acclaimed Fard as his "Master", but Fard had claimed to be "Allah in person" – Nauthubillaah! Wallace lauds Elijah, but Elijah claimed to be the final Messenger who was appointed by Fard.

In almost every issue of the Bilalian News there is an address by Wallace. Like a Muslim speaker would open his lecture with some verses from the Qur'aan, Wallace opens his talk with verses from the bible. He builds his theme on the basis of bible verses. He emphasises his viewpoint and his teachings on the basis of biblical quotations, instead of Qur'aanic aayaat. Some of his speeches reported in the Bilalian paper, Bilalian News convey the impression that a Christian is speaking in view of him drawing copiously from the bible to substantiate his moral teachings. In his speeches he at one time described his movement as "the Body-Christ). Thus, he says:

"The Lost-Found Nation of Islam in the West (the Body-Christ) has been blessed with the Light of Divine Mind which has broken the seals on the mysteries and the hidden meanings of the Book and the Wisdom."

The “seals” and the “mysteries” he speaks of are his interpretation of the following biblical verses with which he opens his lecture:

“And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

“And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?” – Revelation 5:1,2

This particular article which appeared in the Bilalian News is headed “The Seal is Broken”. Wallace has interpreted this verse of the bible as a reference to the founders of the Black Muslim cult. It is therefore not surprising that the followers of Wallace have even proclaimed him as “Christ” – the “long awaited Messiah of Christians and Jews, and the Mahdi of Muslims”.

The Black Muslim organ, “Muhammad Speaks” in its issue dated 31st October 1975 records the following statements of W. D. Muhammad in an article captioned: THE WISDOM OF W. D. MUHAMMAD:

“The Honorable Master Elijah Muhammad (may the peace and blessings of Allah forever be upon Him) taught us not forget the womb.” Wallace invokes the peace and blessings of Allah on Elijah who denied the finality of Nubuwwat; who proclaimed himself to be the last messenger and who propagated the blasphemy of Allah having appeared in the person of W. D. Fard.

The Bilalian News of 14th November 1975 published the following kalimah of the Black Muslim/Bilalian cult:

“La ila ha il-lallaah Elijah Muhammadur Rasulullaah.”

Wallace presents the following weird interpretation of the immaculate birth of Nabi Isa (alayhis salaam):

“Christians say that Jesus was one who was born immaculately and that he didn’t have a father. Jesus told the people that the womb or woman that had birthed his mind had not been touched by a man. He meant that there was nothing in the physical world that had given birth to his mind.” (Bilalian News, 26th December 1975)

Nabi Isa (alayhis salaam) being born without the agency of a father is an established Islamic belief. Denial of this belief is kufr. Wallace's interpretation of this belief is kufr.

Wallace, speaking on the second advent of Nabi Isa (alayhis salaam) said:

“The people who have a true understanding of the scripture know that the return of Christ means that the particular message that came to Jesus (his word and his truth) and his work are going to come back. They believe that God is going to reveal the truth and that when He reveals it, truth will establish itself on that bit of truth that has survived the test of time.”

“We in the Nation of Islam (Body-Christ) are saying the same thing that Jesus said, but we are saying it in plain language.” (Bilalian News, December 26, 1975)

Wallace has interpreted the return of Nabi Isa to mean that “the particular message that came to Jesus” has returned to the Bilalians. Hence, he says:

“It just so happens that Bilalians (black Americans) were the people who cried out longer, more continuously, more pitifully and more sincerely than anybody else to receive the Jesus Christ. In answer to that long and sincere call, truth has come to the Bilalians.” (Bilalian News, December 26 1975)

This utterly baseless interpretation denying the return of Nabi Isa is kufr.

The facts presented in this discussion will illustrate the state of grave kufr of the Black Muslims/Bilalians/American Muslim Mission. The Mujlisul Ulama has branded these organizations which are in fact one and the same movement or cult of baatil. The mouth-piece of this kufr cult, Muhammad Speaks changed its name to the Bilalian News when the movement assumed the designation of Bilalians. When it changed its name to the American Muslim Mission, the paper became the A. M. Journal. Throughout, Wallace remained the Chief Minister and leader of this movement after the death of his father, Elijah. At no time has Wallace renounced the cult

of his father, Elijah. On the contrary, he has employed baseless interpretation and figurative language to conceal the kufr of Elijah. When the movement of Wallace through its mouth-piece proclaims kufr and acclaims the founders of the kufr religion, there remains no option other than branding it for what it actually is.

If Wallace has changed his religion – if he has renounced Elijah and Fard, then he must speak up and unambiguously proclaim the kufr of Fard and Elijah. As long as he covertly protects the movement of Elijah, he cannot be regarded as a Muslim. This he should understand well.

It is not sufficient for the purposes of Imaan to merely change the name of an organization while retaining beliefs of kufr. Along with the name which was associated with kufr, beliefs and attitudes of kufr have necessarily to be renounced and the record set straight so that no one labours in confusion and deception regarding the beliefs and intentions of those who profess to be members of Islam. While Wallace may have changed the name of his movement and replaced the word temples with Masajid and abandoned the designation of “Chief Minister”, Muslims are in the dark about his actual beliefs. If his beliefs have changed and are today the very same beliefs which the followers of Islam hold, he should declare these publicly and repudiate Fard and Elijah. He has to clarify the matter with his followers and inform them of the kufr of the founders of the Black Muslim cult. As long as we have no clarity regarding the present beliefs of the followers of Wallace and of Wallace himself, we will be compelled to align his movement with kufr and brand it a false religion having no relationship with Islam.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing discussion adequately answers the objections raised by the followers of Wallace. In branding the Black Muslims/Bilalians/American Muslim Mission as deviated groups, the Mujlisul Ulama has not transgressed the bounds of rectitude. The evidence damning the followers of these groups is provided by their

own leaders and organs. Should Wallace and his followers today repudiate the beliefs of their cult, then while they will become true Muslims, the Mujlisul Ulama's verdict in regard to the Black Muslim/Bilalian cult will remain intact and correct since the kufr and shirk had stemmed from that group. The renouncers of the Bilalians will no longer be termed Bilalians but will be Muslims since the term "Bilalians" by virtue of being associated with kufr beliefs is not acceptable to Muslims.

A former Qaadiani who has entered the fold of Islam cannot be offended when it is claimed that the Qaadiani religion is false. Qaadianism will always be branded as a false religion even if all former Qaadianis embrace Islam. Any movement which espoused kufr will be known for its kufr. Its former adherents who enter the Deen of Islam have no right to take offence when their former religion of kufr is denounced. In the same way will it be wrong for former members of the Black Muslim/Bilalian cult to feel any hurt by criticism levelled at this religion of baatil. Since the 'Black Muslim/Bilalian cult propagated some beliefs of the vilest kufr and since the founders of this religion were NEVER Muslims it will be nothing but the truth to lay the charge of kufr and baatil at the door of this movement. When anyone enters the fold of Islam, he should enter wholeheartedly and in entirety. Partial acceptance of Islam does not render one a 'Muslim. Partial acceptance and any affinity lingering in the heart for an institution of kufr are proof of the non-acceptance of Islam.

The Mujlisul Ulama of S.A. has never contended that American Muslims or former members of the Black Muslim cult Who may have accepted Islam are following a deviated religion or that they are not Muslims. Our claim is merely that the Black Muslim/Bilalian cult is not Islam. Adherents of this movement are not Muslims for the simple reason that this cult had its birth in kufr and throughout its life propagated kufr of the worst kind. We have communication with numerous American Muslims, some of whom were former members

of the Black Muslim/Bilalian movement. Our information obtained from reliable and sincere American Muslims confirms that the thinking and attitude of the followers of Wallace remain the same. Some cosmetic changes have been made, e.g. their temples are no longer called temples, but are now known as Musjids; Wallace has relinquished the title of “Emam”; Wallace has embarked on some system of decentralization of authority and he is making more Islamic overtures. But, these are not sufficient to efface the impression and stigma of kufr which has attached itself to Wallace and his movement right from the very inception of this cult. It is imperative for him to issue a detailed rebuttal and a repudiation of all the kufr beliefs which his movement had propagated over the past decades under the names of the Black Muslims and Bilalians. It is essential for Wallace to dissociate himself from the mission and ministry of kufr of his father, Elijah. He cannot claim to be a Muslim and regard a false claimant to prophethood as being a “Master” and an “Honorable” man. There is nothing honourable in a man who claims that Allah came to him in the flesh – in the form of a human being – Nauthubillaah!

If Wallace and his followers claim to be true Muslims, then they cannot entertain the desire to plod along in the shadow of Elijah’s spiritual and moral teachings, for such teachings of the false prophet are kufr of the highest degree. All ties and all allegiance with Elijah’s concept of Islam have to be severed. Only then will Wallace’s claim to Islam be regarded with respect; only then can we accept that they have entered the fold of Islam wholeheartedly and in full submission. May Allah Ta’ala guide them towards true Islam. Peace on those who follow guidance.

NEW MATH-HAB?

In its paper, Muslim Journal, the deviant sect headed by Wallace, the son of Elijah who had proclaimed himself to be the final prophet and the follower of a man who had claimed to be God-incarnate, is

scheming to hoist the sect as a math-hab on par with the four Math-habs of Islam. Expounding this trash, the paper says:

“What we have witnessed is the natural progression of the leadership of Imam W. Deen Muhammad in the society of Americans and there upon also emerging a new school of thought. It is a school of ‘fiqh’, the understanding and insight which Allah has blessed Imam W. Deen Muhammad to extract from the Holy Qur’an and from the life examples of Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon the prophet). It is a phenomenon – which gave rise to others schools of thought within Islam, namely, Shafi, Malaki, Hanbali and the Hanafi schools of thought.”

It is manifest that these people are completely in the dark in so far as the Deen is concerned. Numerous modernists and ignorant Muslims are straying from the true Path by rejecting the validity of the four official Math-habs which have existed from the earliest times of Islam. But, these followers of Wallace’s baatil sect seek to create a fifth math-hab based on pure jahl. They lack in Islamic knowledge in entirety. The smattering of information which they glean from translated works does not qualify them to teach even pupils in a primary Madrasah. Yet, they have set themselves the task of establishing a math-hab on par with the four Matha-hib which constitute the Ahlus Sunnah Wal Jama’ah.

The following statement appearing in the sect’s paper, demonstrates that they do not possess the faintest idea of the meaning of Math-hab:

“On June 26, 1994, in Norfolk, Va. we plan to make available a platform for presenting the ‘Mathhab’ of Imam W. Deen Mohammed.”

This is indeed ludicrous. It has been said that ignorance is bliss and fools rush in where angels fear to tread. They labour under the impression that a Math-hab such as the four Matha-hib of Islam, is some western organization with a western type constitution to be

hammered out and adopted by popular vote of members. A Math-hab cannot be presented on a platform. A Math-hab is not a collection of lectures which a non-entity has delivered over a period of years. Says the paper:

“We have followed the lectures and commentaries of Imam Muhammad over the past 20 years. To collect and categorize those lectures and commentaries will develop a platform.”

This stark ignorance speaks volumes for the incompetence of those who labour under the notion of them possessing Islamic knowledge. The greatest Shaikhut Tafseer, Shaikhul Hadith, Faqeehul Asr, etc. of the time in the entire world does not possess the qualifications of any of the Aimmah-e-Mujtahideen. The suggestion that Wallace is an ‘Imam’ in Shar’i Uloom is absurd and laughable.

Ignoramuses have laid claim to Godhood and Prophethood, but this appears the first attempt to the creation of a Math-hab on par with the four official Matha-hib of Islam. Muslims in America should beware of the deviation and dhalaal of the baatil and kufr of this deviant sect.

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AMERICAN CULT OF KUFR

Verily, in my Ummah will be thirty great liars. Each one among them will think that he is a Nabi while I am the seal of the Ambiya. There is no Nabi after me. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam)

There reins much confusion regarding the movement led by Wallace D. Muhammad in the United State of America. The movement led by him, like a chameleon has undergone several name changes. In the initial stage when his father, Elijah was the head, the movement was known as the Black Muslims. Later it changed and became the Bialians, then The World Community of Al-Islam in the West and then again, The American Muslim Mission.

Many Muslims have been misled into believing that Wallace has recanted and that he is propagating true Islam. This is far from the truth. The adoption of different postures by him has added to the confusion. It is therefore, imperative to examine his various utterances made over a period of years. It should be understood that his father, Elijah was an outright imposter and among the greatest kuffaar of this century, for he had laid claim to Nubuwwat. He had proclaimed himself to be the Messenger of Allah in the same way as Gulam Mirza of Qadian had done. Among the evil beliefs and propagations of Elijah, the following two were the cornerstones of his religion of kufr:

- 1) That Allah came to earth in the person of one kaafir known as W. D. Fard of Detroit (Nauthubillah!).
- 2) That Allah had appointed him (Elijah) the Messenger.

Wallace, his son, does not deny these beliefs of his father. However, he reveres his father, always referring to him as the Honourable Elijah Muhammad. He is at pains to provide suitable and acceptable interpretation for the vile kufr which his father propagated. Thus, Wallace in a radio interview on 16 August 1986, said:

“The Honorable Elijah Muhammad was devoted to reforming those members of his race who had given up hope...”

“The Honorable Elijah Muhammad was more concerned about making decent people of those who were culturally deprived in this country.”

“Instead of Prophet Muhammad, known by Muslims throughout the world as being the prophet and messenger of God, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad made himself the prophet. Furthermore, the god of whom he preached was similar to the Christian idea of God. He taught that god had manifested in the flesh of a man by the name of W. D. Fard, and that man Fard had missioned him (Honorable Elijah Muhammad) to preach separation to the blackman...”

“I consider myself a legitimate Muslim and also a credit to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and what he stood for...”

PROGRESSIONS: June/July 1987 – This is a magazine.....of Wallace

REVERENCE

From the aforementioned as well as innumerable other utterances over the years, Wallace has spoken highly of his father, Elijah and his mission. He makes plain his reverence to be a “credit to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.” According to the Shariah, a man who reveres a false prophet and speaks glowingly of him is a kaafir.

ELIJAH’S CONTEMPT FOR ALLAH

The man, Elijah, whom Wallace reveres and regards as ‘Honorable’ made the following comments about the Islamic conception of Allah: *“Orthodox Muslims call us a cult. This is an absolute insult to us, to be called a ‘cult’. There is such a Show of the Hand and Power of wisdom of Almighty Allah (God) in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad, to Whom Praises are due forever; Who is showing that He is with me and my followers. This is enough to cause them to refrain from their ignorant beliefs concerning Allah. The ignorant belief of the Orthodox Muslims, that Allah (God) is some formless something and yet he has an interest in our affairs, can be condemned in no matter of time. I would not give two cents for that kind of a god in which they believe. The spooky-believing Orthodox Muslims try to make mock of my God and of me as His Messenger. They will come to naught and they will be confounded and ashamed of themselves.”* (MUHAMMAD SPEAKS, Nov 24, 1972, p. 16 – This was the paper of the Black Muslim cult of Elijah).

By what stretch of Imaani imagination could anyone refer to Elijah as ‘Honorable’? Whoever believes that such a dajjaal is honourable is, undoubtedly, a kaafir.

PRAYING FOR THE IMPOSTER

On page 20 in the November 14 issue of his newspaper, Bilalian News, Wallace refers to his father as “Master Elijah Muhammad

(Peace be upon him)”. How can a true Muslim offer the dua of “Peace be on him” for a claimant of Prophethood and for one who derisively refuted the Islamic concept of Tauhid?

NABI ISAA

With regard to Nabi Isaa (alayhis salaam), Wallace made the following comments on 25th March 1979:

“Jesus has done his work... he’s not coming back here – NEVER! But his type has to return, another birth like his has to happen to produce his type again.”

I know how Jesus has been born because I’ve been born that way! How are you going to tell me how Jesus was born when I’ve been born that way?... same type, same birth, same man, just a mother without father.”

“But that’s not all. I have daily waken from my sleep and written down what God has shown me in my sleep...well you’re a Prophet; no I’m not, well you’re a Messenger of God. No, I’m not. Well what are you? I AM MASIH, MAHDI. I AM THE CHRIST-MAHDI, believe it or not.”

The kufr of the above claims made by Wallace is stark. Such a man cannot be a Muslim.

In these vile statements, Wallace has claimed that:

- He is of virgin birth like Isaa (alayhis salaam).
- Isaa (alayhis salaam) has already died.
- Isaa (alayhis salaam) will not return to earth.
- He (Wallace) is the Maseeh and the Mahdi.

Each one of these beliefs is kufr, sufficient to condemn a man as the greatest kaafir of his time.

MORE KUFR

The Saudi Gazette dated 9th March 1990 quoted Wallace as saying:

- That he is divinely guided.

- That a woman's hair is sufficient covering for her head.
- Whoever marries more than one wife is cursed by Allah.
- The sea did not split open for Nabi Musa (alayhis salaam).
- Anyone who believes that Nabi Isaa (alayhis salaam) did not have a father is a fool.

Praising another kaafir who espouses the cause of Elijah Muhammad, Wallace said:

“Minister Farrakhan...I have known him personally... When he joined the Honourable Elijah Muhammad, may Allah forgive his sins and grant him Paradise, he (Farrakhan) was an educated man back then...” (Muslim Journal. Vol. 15 No. 51, Oct. 12 1990)

All of the abovementioned statements and beliefs of kufr effectively relegate Wallace beyond the fold of Islam. Any Muslim who accepts Mirza Gulam of Qadian even as a reformer is undoubtedly a kaafir. It is an act of kufr to revere and accept a person who professed to be a Nabi or who denies any of the essential Aqaa-id of Islam. In similar vein is it an act of kufr to accept Wallace as a Muslim. As long as he does not publicly renounce his father and as long as he does not publicly repent and deny the statements and beliefs of kufr which he has propagated, he cannot be accepted as a Muslim. Muslims should not labour under any false notion regarding the movement led by Wallace. He is not leading an Islamic movement. Terminology does not make a man a Muslim. Aqaa-id (Beliefs) are the essential and vital criterion of Imaan.

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